

Planting Balled & Burlapped Nursery Stock

1. Dig hole two to three times as wide as the ball and 1-2" shallower than the ball so that the ball protrudes above the soil line. **The hole should not be too deep.**
2. When moving the tree to hole, please handle by the ball only *not* by the trunk. Leave the wire and burlap in place until you have the tree where you want it.
3. Set ball gently in the hole and remove any string that is tied around the base of the tree. Remove the top half of the basket after you are finished moving the tree. Be sure to not break the ball apart, work carefully. Cut the top portion of the burlap off.
4. Amend backfill with 1/3 compost or peat moss to 2/3 of the soil originally removed from the hole. Mix thoroughly. Make sure clay chunks are busted up.
5. Backfill the hole with the amended soil. Water thoroughly by placing the hose into the hole and allowing it to run slowly until it bubbles out of the hole. Backfill the hole again after the water has pulled the soil down into the hole. The plant will need to be watered on a regular basis until established.
6. Do not replace the sod around the tree. Make a ring around the tree with a layer of course mulch 2-3 inches deep. Stake plant by placing one stake to the northwest and one to the southeast. Leave the stakes in place for 1 year, longer in windier conditions.
7. Wrap tree trunk with tree wrap at Thanksgiving and remove at Easter to prevent sunscald. **Water twice per month in the winter on warmer days (preferably 50° F or above).** A good guide of how much water to use is 10 gallons per caliper inch.
8. Water requirements in spring and summer will vary depending on temperature, soil, microclimate etc. Please monitor 2-3 times a week and water accordingly. Test moisture content with a handful of soil taken from approximately 8" deep near the ball. The soil should ball up and retain the shape without oozing water.
9. Do not prune for the first three years. With the exception of broken branches.
10. Please call with any questions or concerns

